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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

NOTIFICATION

The 22nd January 2010

No. 567—R & R-III-4/2010-En.—In exercise of the power conferred by the Section 18 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), the Government is pleased to issue further directions in continuation of their earlier direction issued in this Department Notification No. 4215-En. dated the 18th May, 2007, namely:—

“Regulating operating time of outdoor lighting and advertisements for efficient use of energy and energy conservation.”

1. It will be mandatory to reduce the illumination level of outdoor lighting by at least 50% by switching off appropriate number of outdoor/ street lights of all the cities, towns, residential colonies under Government/ Government aided sectors/Boards and corporations/autonomous bodies after 11-00 P.M. The Urban and Local Bodies shall ensure installation of relevant electrical connections with switching/ timer controls for the purpose.

2. It will be mandatory to switch off all outdoor advertisements, bill boards and other illuminated displays after 11-00 P.M. till 6 A.M. of the next day.

3. Power utilities while extending power supply to new outdoor advertisings and bill board displays shall ensure that energy efficient luminaries have been installed for illumination of these advertisements and that necessary electrical connections and control arrangements such as timers, light sensitive switches, etc. have been installed by such consumers to ensure illumination only after daylight and within the prescribed hours.

4. For existing consumers, the power utilities shall serve notice and advise these consumers to install necessary switching arrangements for their advertisement displays for compliance to this directive within 60 days of this publication failing which power supply to these advertisements shall be disconnected and continue to remain so, till necessary compliance is made.

5. The Housing and Urban Development Department shall formulate relevant policies for the outdoor advertisements requiring illumination, to ensure efficient use of energy and issue necessary directives to all the Urban and Local Bodies in the State to ensure implementation of this order. During issue of permission for these outdoor advertisements, bill boards and other displays requiring illumination, it shall be ensured that necessary clearance from the Power Utilities indicating compliance to this order is furnished by the applicant.

The above order shall come into force with immediate effect.

By order of the Governor

P. K. JENA

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government